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SETTING UP OF TOWERS IN U.P. AND UTTARANCHAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towers set up in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal to provide telecom facilities and also to ensure smooth cellular telephone services;

(b) the number of more such towers sanctioned and the population likely to be covered in both these States;

(c) the time by which the telephone services are likely to be provided through the MCPC at places where landline facility cannot be provided and the extent of population of States brought under the telecom services; and

(d) the details of the schemes to provide telecom services to the remaining population?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has set up 1509 towers in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal states to provide telecom service including mobile services and is proposing to install 1444 more towers for strengthening the services in both the states.

(c) BSNL has not planned the provision of telecom facility through MCPC in both the States. Further, the Government monitors the coverage of Telecom Services as per the license conditions and does not maintain the information regarding population covered by Telecom Services.

(d) BSNL has planned to provide 28,25,000 mobile connections and 2,97,000 fixed connections during the year 2005-2006.